

A BAD DAY FOR FIRES.

THE MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT WERE CALLED OUT MONDAY.

But the Fires Prove to be of Minor Importance—The Boys get There with Their Customary Celerity.

A BIG LOT OF HAY BURNED.

During the game Monday afternoon a spark from a passing locomotive set fire to the prairie on the north side of the river east of the railroad bridge and a very destructive fire ensued.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the residence of Mrs. Schaffer, December 18th, at 3 o'clock p. m.

Games of all description at Belton's, from ten cents up.

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday being Ember days in the church year, services will be held on those mornings at eleven o'clock in the Church of Our Saviour.

Keep your boys home of evenings by buying some of those fascinating games at BELTON'S.

Rev. D. N. Hartley will deliver his second lecture on the Unitarian church Sunday evening, the subject to be, "Whose Fault is It?"

H. S. Bost received a telegram from Col. Cody, dated La Crosse, stating that he would leave for home yesterday morning.

It was reported Monday afternoon that the railroad bridge east of town was on fire.

The show windows of the stores present a very attractive appearance, suggestive of the coming holidays.

Frank Palmer, of Dorp, was bitten on the arm by a tarantula, Sunday, which was in a box of fruit that had been shipped to him.

The following officers were elected by North Platte Legion No. 13, S. K. A. O. U. W., Dec. 8th:

Commander, J. W. Alexander; vice commander, Henry Clark; lieutenant commander, J. W. Alexander; S. B. Robt. Vance; S. W. Jno. McCabe; J. W. Augustus Hamer; G. J. W. Reed; Trustees, J. J. Sullivan, three years and H. C. Rennie for two years.

There are rumors of railroad building in Western Nebraska the coming year. It is said that a gentleman from the east was in town last week getting prices on land located along the line of the Missouri Pacific survey in the east part of the county.

A piece of that nice silverware at Clinton's would make a suitable Christmas present for a wife or friend.

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Woman's Relief Corps held Saturday afternoon: President, Mrs. R. R. Hine; Senior Vice, Mrs. A. H. Church; Junior Vice, Mrs. J. W. Crues; Chaplain, Mrs. Augustus Smith; Treasurer, Miss W. E. Hesse; Conductor, Miss Etta Stuart; Guard, Mrs. James Snyder.

Miss Etta Stuart was elected delegate to the encampment to be held at Plattsmouth next February, and Miss Hesse alternate.

A congregational meeting was held at the Presbyterian church last evening, the object of which was to take steps to call a minister to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. Hart.

The matter was discussed at some length and it was decided to first appoint a committee and see what amount of money could be raised and then issue a call to some minister who would be willing to accept the charge for the sum raised.

The following patents to lands in this county were received at the U. S. land office last week and are now ready for delivery:

Kate Kobagen, s h s e q r and s h s w q r 14-12-30. J. S. Pell, s e q r 12-20. Jas. Colley, s e q r 4-16-20. Herman Steinhansen, n h s e q r and s h s w q r 6-13-31. Patrick Kelly, s e q r 20-14-31. Geo. W. Snyder, w h n w q r of 24-13-28. Vellorus D. Coates, s h s e q r and lots 1 and 2 of 6-13-33. Thos. Hamshaus, s h s w q r and n h s w q r of 20-13-28. Aaron Mills, s w q r of 32-14-31. S. U. Johnson, lots 2 and 4 of 4-13-29. Wm. G. Cormican, s h s w q r of 14-13-33. Jno. E. Ritter, s w q r of 31-15-32. H. Polimier, s w q r of 2-13-33. O. Polimier, s w q r of 2-13-33. M. Hazell, s h s w q r and lots 3 and 4 of 2-13-33.

Mayor Warner, Councilmen Morgan, Klein and VanDoran, Clerk Roche and the usual number of regular attendants gathered at the council chamber Monday evening and patiently awaited the coming of another member in order to make a quorum, but he came not.

As is well known, Councilman Johnson as visiting in Ohio, the portly alderman from the First has been under the weather for several weeks, and the member from the big Second was—well, some of the boys were inclined to think that Clint had struck an easy game of high five but this surmise is probably incorrect.

However, there was no quorum and after each one present had told what he knew about killing unlicensed dogs and putting out prairie fires on a windy day, followed by a statement by the mayor that there wasn't much business to be considered, the assemblage dispersed.

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PERSONAL MENTION. H. H. Robertson, of Kimball, transacted business in the city Saturday.

A VERY POPULAR GAME.

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It Proves the Entertaining Feature at a Number of Parties During the Past Week or Two.

GENERAL SOCIETY NEWS.

The man who "invented" high-five, and it is said he is a Nebraska, is certainly entitled to the credit of creating the most popular game extant in the west, poker not excepted.

The fact is it is played by everyone who does not consider it harmful to play social card games, and it has proven a source of much amusement to old and young alike.

In North Platte the games is intensely popular in society, there being some four or five regularly organized clubs.

A lively interest was manifested at the session of the M. P. H. F. Club held at the Ferguson residence Thursday evening, owing principally to changes which had been made in the rules, namely, allowing the dealer the privilege of robbing the deck, and making thirty-one instead of twenty-one points the game.

After some dozen or more games had been played a nice luncheon was served and after the members had partaken heartily of the same a count of the credits was made which developed the fact that Mrs. Randall and Mrs. McGee were a tie for the ladies' first prize and Mrs. McGee and Miss Leung held the same number of credits for the gentlemen's prize.

To decide the tie the game was played, Mrs. McGee and Mr. Leung picking their skill against Mrs. Randall and Mr. McGee and the former coming won.

THE SULLIVAN PARTY. John and Miss Mary Sullivan played host and hostess Thursday evening at a high five party given at the home of their parents.

These young people are very popular with their many acquaintances and there was therefore no formality or reserve apparent on the part of those present.

From what the society editor learns, the party was eminently successful, reflecting much credit on the entertainers, and when the guests retired there was a unit of expression in regard to the good time each one had.

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